(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Railway level crossing in NE Frontier Railway

2090. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossing construction in the different railway zones of the country during the last three years, State-wise/Zone-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on their construction during this period; and

(c) the details of railway level crossing proposed to be constructed in the country particularly in NE Frontier railway zone during the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) As per existing policy, provision of level crossings is made in consultation with the State Government at the time of laying a new line or within 10 years from the date of its commissioning to traffic. Thereafter, any accommodation work such as level crossing can be provided at a technically suitable location on deposit terms, if such a proposal is sponsored by the State Government/Local bodies duly agreeing to bear the initial cost of construction of the level crossing and one time capitalized cost of recurring maintenance and operational charges. Further, as per policy of Railways, no new unmanned level crossing is permitted on existing lines.

Keeping in view the above policy, no new level crossing has been constructed on existing lines on NE Frontier Railway at Railway's cost. Further, there is no plan to construct new level crossing on the existing lines during the financial year 2006-07. No funds have been allocated for the purpose in the Budget.

Accidents due to negligence of railway personnel

†2091. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of train accidents occured during 2006-07, so far; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the total number of those accidents which occurred due to negligence on the part of railway personnel and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) A total number of 183 consequential train accidents have occurred during 2006-07 till February, 2007. Details of these accidents are as under:—

Type of Accident	No. of Accident
Collision	8
Derailment	88
Manned Level Crossing	7
Unmanned Level Crossing	69
Fire in train	4
Miscellaneous	7
TOTAL:	183*

As of now, out of 183* consequential train accidents, 77* accidents are attributed to failure of railway employees. Punishment has been imposed on the railway employees found responsible in 22 accidents, and in the remaining 55 accidents, action under Discipline and Appeal Rules has been initiated.

श्री वी॰ हनुमंत राव: 55 पुलिस वाले मारे गए हैं। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री उपसभापति: यह प्राइवेट मैंबर्स है, this is your right (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Sir, my speech was interrupted fifteen days back because a Minister wanted to make a statement. (*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please do not disturb your own right. (*Interruptions*) यह कभी नहीं होता है। ...(व्यवधान)

SHRI SHARAD ANANTRAO JOSHI: Today also, a Minister made a statement relating to the subject....(*Interruptions*)....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet at 11.00 a.m. on Monday.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Commercial development of Railway land has been taken up for the last four years with a view to raise internal resources. To give focussed attention to the scheme, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been set up. 13 sites all over Railways have been entrusted to the Authority recently.

(c) Two sites at Vishakhapatnam have been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), Funds generated out of this will be utilized for Railway projects.

Development of Patan-Bhiladi missing link

2093. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal received from the Government of Gujarat for development of Patan-Bhiladi missing link;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Rail Vikas Nigam Limited is going to start this work; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Government of Gujarat has requested to take up work on Patan-Bhiladi new line. This work has since been defrozen and preliminary works are being made to take up the work.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Plantation of trees along rail lines

†2094. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI SURYAKANT ACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has any scheme for plantation of trees on either side of the railway lines in the cities; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.